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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING November 16, 2004

<i>Members Present:</i>	Ms. MaryEllen Brock, Mr. Jesus Cepero, Dr. Frank Cunningham, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, Dr. Thomas Whalen
<i>Members Excused:</i>	Dr. Frank Briglia, Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Anthony Greenberg, Dr. Alfred Sacchetti
<i>Guests:</i>	Ms. Mary Pat Angelini, Dr. Thomas Bojko, Ms. Regina Broadbelt, Mr. Steve Cohen, Mr. Ron Czajkowski, Ms. Marilyn Kent, Ms. Violet Merrero
<i>Department of Health and Senior Services:</i>	Ms. Traci Anderson, Mr. William Duffy, Ms. Karen Halupke, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Linda Woolverton

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ernest Leva at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes from the August 17, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Presentations

- Dr. Ernest Leva opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Ron Czajkowski from the New Jersey Hospital Association. Mr. Czajkowski is working with the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey (BIANJ). The BIANJ is distributing materials on concussion as a recognized form of brain injury. An educational campaign on this issue is available for parents and students encouraging wearing helmets. Public service announcements and a website (www.sportconcussion.com) are available to distribute this information. Additional materials will be available in the next two or three weeks. Ms. Marilyn Kent added that school nurses are involved in this project as well. EMSC has been invited to join the BIANJ group.
- Mary Pat Angelini of Prevention First gave a brief presentation and distributed printed materials concerning drug abuse, underage drinking, inhalants, resources, HIV/AIDS info. The awareness materials target teens and their parents, as well as teachers. Prevention First is looking for volunteers to aid in the distribution of the free information.

- The Center for Bio Defense at UMDNJ is working on a number of preparedness initiatives. Mr. James Smith gave a brief presentation on the Secondary School Emergency Preparedness Project. The project has four distinct modules, which are being produced in DVD format, allowing for independent use or as part of a comprehensive program.
 - Module 1-Introduction of Emergency Preparedness in Secondary Schools.
 - Module 2-The “How To’s” of Emergency Preparedness in Schools
 - Module 3-Emergency Preparedness for Students
 - Module 4-What do parents “Want to Know”?
- Once the DVD is available, it will be sent to all 610 school districts. The materials may be copied and distributed as needed. This target release date is December 2004. A school safety manual was released by the Department of Education in September of 2004.

Chairpersons Report

- Emergency Preparedness-EMSC asked to develop a cadre of pediatric experts to be available as “Consultants” for specific incident response. Often resources are focused on adult populations. Ms. Karen Halupke reported that EMS Task Force is a concept still under development by the DHSS.
- What types of mechanisms are used to ensure that children transported to a hospital from child care/school are released to their proper guardian/parent?
- A number of school nurses have been trained to administer small pox vaccine.
- DHSS regulations currently require emergency department physicians to maintain certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support; Pediatric Advanced Life Support or Advanced Pediatric Life Support; and Advanced Trauma Life Support unless board certified in Emergency Medicine. It is unclear from the text of the current regulations if these rules apply to pediatric emergency physicians as well. Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein will try to get clarification from the DHSS licensing section.

OEMS Report

- 2005 Conference
 - The site will be the Ramada Inn and National Conference Center, East Windsor
 - Unclear if we should again offer a physician track (high cost with a small number of attendees)
 - Members were requested to submit potential topics and speakers as soon as possible
 - Dr. Whalen offered a trauma topic.

- 2004 Mid-Atlantic EMSC Conference
 - Held in early November, Delaware
 - Well attended
 - NJ representation included Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Dan Sullivan, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein
 - Next year-Pennsylvania to host conference
- EMSC Staffing
 - Approved to increase Public Health Representative (PHR) II position recently vacated by Ms. Traci Anderson, from part-time to full-time.
 - Looking to add an additional PHR II to the EMSC program
- Newsletter was distributed and is in the approval and printing process.
- “How to Prepare for a Medical Crisis in Your School” 3-hour educational session for school nurses has been scheduled for January 2005.
- Federal Partnership Grant- application has been sent, keeping the same focus areas as years 1 and 2.

Old Business

- MEDPREP – Mr. Dan Sullivan reported on the last meeting 10/25/04
 - TOPOFF exercise slated for April 2004
 - Subcommittees continue to meet
 - MEDPREP will most likely continue to meet per new administration
 - Pediatric Committee, chaired by Dr. Michael Gerardi, is looking for additional members
- School Preparedness
 - Minimum equipment list revised and items categorized as either essential or recommended.
 - Funds available to purchase & distribute kits to a limited number of school districts
- Child Care Center Disaster Preparedness Program
 - Five train-the-trainer programs conducted
 - 353 attendees
 - Start up kit included sample check lists, Power Point Presentation, resources, scenario cards, and sample provider program

New Business

- Advanced Life Support (ALS) Standing orders and Recommended Radio Failure Protocols
 - Last version developed in 2002 – may need to be updated
 - What patient age range should they apply to?
- Hospitals with pediatric emergency services now providing medical command for paramedics caring for pediatric patients.
 - Should statewide operational guidelines be generated?
 - Do pediatric emergency physicians need a “formal” orientation to base station operations and ALS scope of practice

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

2005 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 15 (Conference Room 1)
Tuesday, May 17 (Board Room)
Tuesday, August 16 (Conference Room 1)
Tuesday, November 15 (Conference Room 1)

NJ Hospital Association
760 Alexander Road
Princeton

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.